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As indicated in the attached Petition, the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) is believed to be \$120.00 for a one-month extension, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 (referencing Docket No. 02453.0005.NPUS00). However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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